

REMARKS

The office action indicated that claims 21-35 and 39-55 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To expedite prosecution of this application, claim 1 has been amended and claims 76-84 were added to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the office action.

Applicant believes that the originally submitted claims are allowable over the cited references, and intends to prosecute these claims in subsequent application(s). As such, Applicant is entitled to the full range of equivalents with respect to each and every element and limitation associated with the claims currently pending in this application.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the currently pending claims are allowable. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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